

Rector's Circle

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Dear friend of the University,
In the aftermath of the tragic events of 24 August, the University is committing itself as an institution to eliminating violence on campus, both physical and psychological. We must also pledge to do everything in our power to address incidents of harassment and disruptive behaviour. Prior to 24 August, much had already been done on these issues, and in the last few years, the University has emerged as a national leader in addressing problems of violence and disruption on university campuses. We are more determined than ever to continue and to intensify our work in this area.

Reinforcing our academic programmes

1 June 1992 marked the coming into effect of the new School of Graduate Studies. Efforts must now concentrate on using this new structure to achieve some of the operational goals for which it was established; increasing the number of graduate programmes according to a multi-year plan, recruiting and retaining more graduate students, ensuring that greater financial assistance is available to these students from a variety of sources and establishing university-wide norms for progress and completion of graduate work.

Special emphasis will be given in 1992-1993 to the examination and approval of a policy on the enhancement of teaching. A Committee for the Enhancement and Recognition of Teaching, chaired by the Associate Vice-Rector, Academic, Barbara MacKay, was established in October 1991. Its report will serve as a basis for discussion in Senate of an appropriate policy in this area.

The development of new programmes at the undergraduate level will continue, in response to identified needs and priorities. For example, there is great interest in continuing the expansion of the University's cooperative programmes. We are the only University in Montréal, and one of only two in Québec (the other being Sherbrooke), offering coop programmes.

In the field of research, it is important that Concordia continue to improve its profile, both in terms of external funding and in the number of faculty actively engaged in research. One instrument for improving faculty involvement in research is the Faculty Research Development Programme. It is now in its third year, and it is hoped that as this programme becomes better known, more faculty members will come forward to take advantage of it.

Now that the Webster Library is up and running, including a new on-line computerized catalogue, we need to continue our efforts to increase dramatically the library acquisition budget. Our work toward this end has so far been effective: the budget has increased by 41% in the last two years from \$1.9 million in 1990-1991, to \$2.706 million in 1992-1993. We must also do our utmost to diversify the sources of funds for that budget. We cannot rely solely on the operating budget of the University and the whim of the government. With respect to diversification, this year will see the establishment of the Friends of the Concordia Libraries, a group devoted specifically to raising money for library acquisitions.

1992-1993 was a year that held much brightness and promise: moving into the McConnell Building, inaugurating the School of Graduate Studies, consolidating our ownership of the Loyola Campus, preparing for a new Capital Campaign, and so on. August 24 cast a dreadful pall over all of us. We cannot alter that. What we can do is to forge ahead with what has to be done, re-dedicate ourselves to

ever higher norms of civility, tolerance and mutual respect, so that we make Concordia, in the year ahead, not only a better University, but also a more welcoming and humane institution.



Patrick Kenniff
Rector and Vice-Chancellor

Faculty of Distinction

by Heather Patenaude

The Faculty of Commerce and Administration Awards of Distinction luncheon, held on November 13 at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel, was an impressive showcase for some of the Faculty's major accomplishments during the past year.

More than 300 representatives of the City's business elite, including representatives from Télémédia, Standard Life, Price Waterhouse, CP Rail, Royal Bank, The Montréal Stock Exchange, Bell Canada, Power Corporation, and Caron, Bélanger, Ernst and Young, gathered to acknowledge excellence in the community.

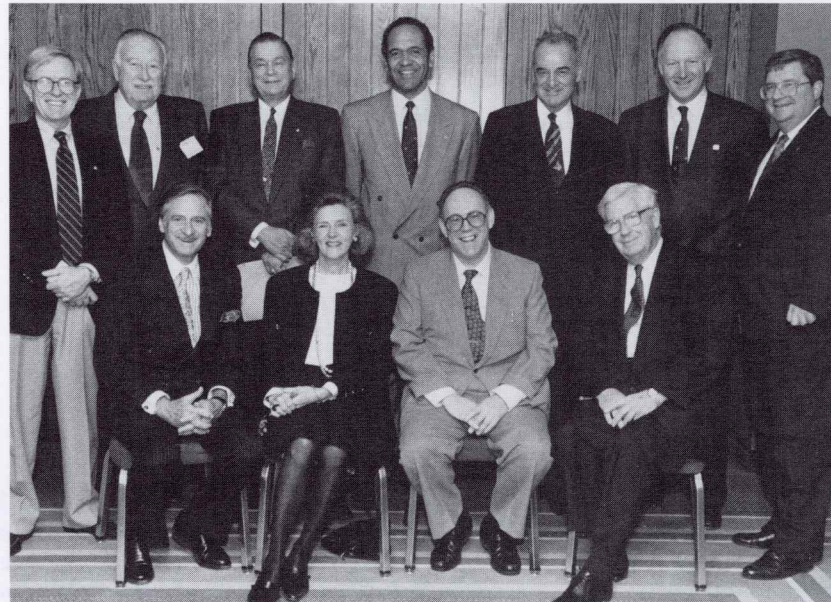
Receiving the honours were Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Télémédia Corporation, A. Frank Knowles, Deputy Chairman of Power Corporation of Canada, Madeleine Saint-Jacques, President of the advertising agency Young & Rubicam Montréal, and Sid Stevens, Executive Vice President of the Sun Youth Organization.

One of the luncheon's main themes was the relationship between business and academia, which Faculty Dean Christopher Ross outlined in his opening remarks: "The most recent evidence of this connection is one of our most exciting initiatives; the establishment of a Commerce and Administration Faculty Advisory Board, made up of prominent business men and women. It met for the first time last week and we consider its input invaluable."

New beginnings

Guest speaker, Reginald K. Groome, Chairman of Concordia's Board of Governors and retired President of Hilton Canada Inc., focused his remarks on the theme of "new beginnings" at Concordia. He mentioned several recent examples, including the opening of the J.W. McConnell Building and the R. Howard Webster Library, the naming of a new Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. Jeanne Sauvé, the inauguration of the new School of Graduate Studies and the appointment of its new dean, Martin Kusy, and the appointment of Christopher Ross as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Administration.

Groome went on to highlight some of the other firsts for the Faculty of Commerce and Administration: the enrollment of the first class in the International Aviation MBA programme, offered in co-operation with IATA (International Air Transportation Association); the Faculty's first winner of the prestigious 1992 3M Teaching Fellowship, awarded to Arshad Ahmad of the Department of Finance; and the appointment of Professor Emeritus Lawrence Bessner.



Distinguished guests and honourees gathered at the Bonaventure Hilton: (seated, left to right), award recipients Philippe de Gaspé Baubien, Madeleine St-Jacques, Sid Stevens and Frank Knowles. (Standing, left to right), Maurice Cohen, Vice-Rector Institutional Relations and Finance; Pierre Sevigny, Awards Organizing Committee member; Chairman of the Board of Governors and guest speaker Reginald Groome; Commerce and Administration Dean Christopher Ross; Accountancy Professor Emeritus Lawrence Bessner; Rector Patrick Kenniff; and Charles Bertrand, Vice-Rector, Services.

Choosing excellence in service to the community

"Canadians love to think of Canada as a place of immense potential...a land of limitless promise. Concordia agrees, and it is in such a spirit that its Faculty of Commerce and Administration has chosen to institute an Award of Distinction to honour those who serve our community with outstanding achievement in the fields of commerce, finance, and service to the community."

This is how Department of Finance, Executive-in-Residence, Pierre Sevigny, first Chair of the Awards, described the inaugural award ceremony in May 1988. The criteria used to select the first winners were outstanding entrepreneurial spirit, management, business development and charity and fundraising skills. Also considered were those whose work created employment, opportunity and which benefitted the community.

Over the years, these criteria have been applied by the University to honour several leaders of Montreal's business community. Past recipients of Concordia University's Award of Distinction are:

Stephen Jarislowsky	Dominic J. Taddeo
Roger Lachapelle	David M. Culver
Eric Molson	Leonard Ellen
Eugene Reisman	Serge Saucier
Louise Roy	Jeannine Guillevin-Wood
Arthur P. Earle	Christina Gold
J. Stuart Hermon	Bertin Nadeau
Jean Henri Picard	Jonathan Wener



photo: Edmund Wong

University officials, students, government representatives and community leaders gathered at the Chinese pavilion at the Botanical Gardens of Montréal to launch the Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Communications Research, which will be housed at Concordia and the Université du Québec à Montréal.



Understanding Asia Pacific

Joint communications research centre only second in Canada

by Ray Beauchemin

The Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Communication Research was officially opened in June with academic and governmental fanfare at the Chinese Pavilion of the Botanical Gardens.

The Centre is run jointly by the Communication Studies Departments at Concordia and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). The Centre's origins lay in the rising influence of the Asia Pacific region in international commerce, and the increase in the presence and participation of Asian immigrants in Canada, specifically Québec and Montréal.

The Centre's official mission is to "promote mutual awareness and understanding through the study of communications media and information issues related to Canada and the Asia Pacific region and the implementation, over a period of time, of a variety of inter-related programmes.

According to Coordinator Jules Nadeau, a PhD student working through the Centre and at the Université du Québec à Montréal, the Centre's aims are to help faculty members and graduate students make contacts, whether for financial assistance or research; to encourage experts in the field of Asia Pacific-Canadian relations to publish their research; and on a less academic note, to be a liaison between the Canadian and Asian communities in the city and the province.

Cross-cultural communication

"Asia does not exist only in the library or in a computer," Nadeau said. "Asia is here, in the city. We must make daily contacts with people from Asian communities. Cross-cultural communication is very important."

Non-credit courses, seminars and workshops are part of the programme and the possibilities of academic exchanges are being considered. Nadeau

said a need exists in Québec for both the French- and English-speaking communities to gain a deeper understanding of the Asia Pacific region and its people.

Although it will focus initially on Japan, China and Hong Kong, it will expand to include other Asia Pacific countries, including Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Centre's funding was derived from the Max Bell Foundation, which funds projects in health care, veterinary medicine and Canadian-Asian Pacific relationships. Bell was a McGill University graduate who became a newspaper publisher and businessman. The foundation's prime interest in Canadian-Asia Pacific relations is education.

"It is only through the acquisition of ... knowledge and the development of mutual understanding that Canada will be able to participate in the relationships and opportunities whether economic, cultural or political, emerging in this new and evolving geographic region of which we are a part," a Foundation spokesperson said.

Research and information services at the Centre include a documentation centre housed at UQAM, a bank of speakers and translators as well as a data bank and information on funding sources for projects located at Concordia's Bryan Building.

The presence of Asian community activists on the Centre's advisory board ensures a continued link with the community. Annual conferences and meetings linking community needs with academic expertise are expected to be held.

The founding of the Centre brings to two the number of such centres in Canada. The other is the David Lam International Communications Centre at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

Former Governor-General replaces Alan B. Gold

Right Hon. Jeanne Sauvé Appointed Chancellor of Concordia University

The Rt. Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, former Governor-General of Canada, has been named the new Chancellor of Concordia University, succeeding Chief Justice Alan B. Gold, of the Québec Superior Court, whose term ended on 30 September 1992.

Sauvé's five-year appointment was approved at a June meeting of the University's Board of Governors.

Educated at the University of Ottawa and the Université de Paris, Sauvé has had a long and distinguished career as a journalist, politician, cabinet minister and children's rights advocate.

Sauvé served with UNESCO's youth section in Paris during the 1950s before turning to a career as a public affairs journalist and broadcaster for newspapers, magazines and radio and television networks in Canada and the U.S.

She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972, and served in several cabinets as Minister of Science and Technology, Environment, and Communications before being named Speaker of the House of Commons in 1980. She also served as the federal government representative at the United Nations Conference on Populations and the Law of the Sea during 1974 and 1975

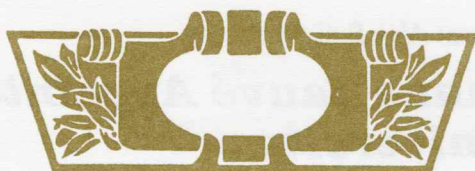
Great Montrealer

Since returning to private life in 1990, Sauvé has been appointed to numerous boards of directors, including Industrial Alliance Life Insurance, Power Broadcasting Inc., and Bombardier Inc. She is also Founder and Honorary Chair of the Jeanne Sauvé Youth Foundation. In 1991, she was honoured with the title of Great Montrealer.

A recipient of many awards and prizes (such as the Jean-Louis Lévesque Foundation Merit Award, the Golda Meir Honouree Award and the Conseil du Patronat du Québec Prix de la Carrière), Sauvé is also an Honorable Fellow of the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada, and has received honorary degrees from more than a dozen universities in Canada and abroad.



*The Rector's Circle
Annual Dinner
will be held on
Wednesday, April 21, 1993
at the University Club.
For more information
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Art Gallery renamed after philanthropists

by Donna Varrica

Concordia's Art Gallery has a new name and a new location thanks to one of Montréal's most philanthropic couples, Leonard and Bina Ellen, and the completion of new facilities in the J.W. McConnell Building.

More than 200 guests attended the inauguration on Oct. 1. The Gallery was founded 30 years ago. It has been renamed the Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery in honour of the family's generous contribution to the University's Capital Campaign in 1983-88.

The Ellens have had a long and lively interest in the visual arts and in Concordia. In 1990, they were instrumental in launching the Art Acquisition Endowment Fund. The gallery has one of the finest University-owned collections of Canadian modern and contemporary art. The opening was also an opportunity to preview the inaugural exhibit titled "A Decade of Collecting: A selection of recent acquisitions."

The success of the gallery is a testament to the tireless work of Sandra Paikowsky, who had been curator for the past 11 years and is off on sabbatical this year. She is being replaced by Acting Curator Karen Antaki.

In a review of the gallery and its latest exhibit recently, art critic Ann Duncan of The Gazette said: "The biggest surprise of all is that this small, feisty, perennially cash-strapped gallery has managed to put together such a consistently solid collection. But that seems typical of this gallery, which has become one of the city's best-used, most attended exhibition centres, after the Montréal Museum of Fine Arts."

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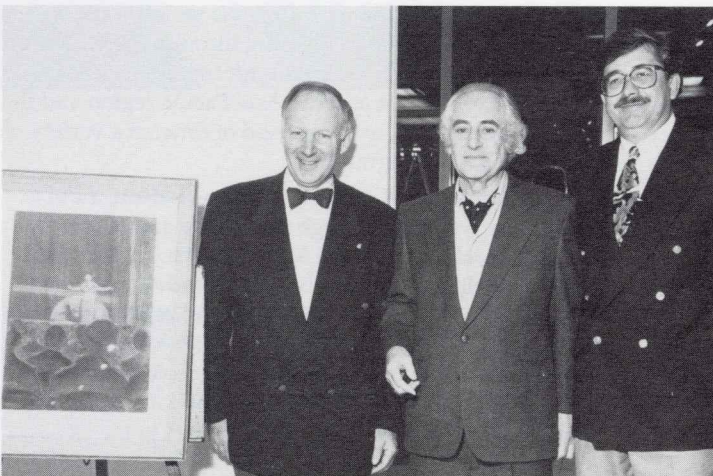
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(Left to right) Fine Arts Dean Robert Parker, Leonard and Bina Ellen and Rector Patrick Kenniff.



Dean Robert Parker, Leonard and Bina Ellen.



Rector Patrick Kenniff, Samuel Schechter and Dean Robert Parker making a special presentation of a pastel drawing by Jack Beder titled *La Chanteuse, Théâtre Loews*.

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